



2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first container body is a substantially hollow member that has a closed first end and an open second end that defines the bottom edge and the second container body is a substantially hollow members that has an open first end that defines the upper edge and a closed second end.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[2]] 1, wherein ~~each of the first container body and the second container body is a substantially annular member~~ the first locating member is a first shoulder formed in the gum holding ring and the second locating member is a second shoulder formed in the gum holding ring.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the ~~gum holding ring includes a base section with the~~ upstanding member being is selectively attached to the base section by a plurality of connecting members, one opening being formed between two adjacent connecting members, wherein both the first and second locating members are formed in the base section and the connecting members are part of the integral, unitary structure.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the upstanding member comprises a post having a distal end and a proximal end that is integrally attached to the connecting members, the post having a surface altering features near the distal end for aiding in gripping and retaining the chewed piece of gum.





15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the plurality of connecting members are in the form of radial spokes or fins that extend radially around the inner flange member.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein an outer surface of the second section of the gum holding ring includes a plurality of ribs formed radially therearound and spaced apart from one another.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the candy is selected from the group consisting of tiny tangy crunchy candy pieces and candy powder.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the chewing gum comprises at least two individually packaged pieces of chewing gum that sit on the first section of the gum holding ring against the upstanding member and at least partially across the openings.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the closed second end of the second container body includes a plurality of vertical ribs integral to and formed around an outer surface of the gum holding ring, the ribs acting as an anti-roll feature when the apparatus is placed on its side since the apparatus sits on a pair of adjacent ribs as opposed to a surrounding smooth surface of the gum retaining ring.



wherein the gum holding ring has openings formed therethrough and defined between adjacent connecting members to permit communication between the first and second compartments and the member extends into the first compartment such that the held piece of chewed gum is disposed in the first compartment, and upon manipulation of the apparatus, the flavorful crunchy candy bits in the second compartment travel through the openings and into contact with the chewed gum resulting in the chewed gum being coated with the flavorful crunchy candy bits that serve to enhance the flavor of the chewed gum as well as adding a crunchy texture thereto.